

Leader's Association Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016

Extension Office, Room 207

Present: Patty Lier, Nola Stenros, Laresha Connors, Lisa Soyring, Nicole Greely, Lorrie Gunnerson, Sheila Fillmore, Sonya Blair, Tricia Garland, Pat Lustari, Jenny Kroll

Pledges completed. **Secretary report** read by Patty Lier. Motion to accept made by Lorrie G. and 2nd by Nola S. **Treasurer report** read by Lorrie G. Motion to accept made by Nola S. and 2nd by Sheila F. September beginning balance \$28,744.53, deposits of \$845.00, debits of \$164.00 and interest of .36 for ending balance of \$29,425.64. October beginning balance was \$29,425.64, deposits of \$495.00, debits of \$433.29 with interest of .38cents with ending balance of \$29,487.73.

Sharon's report: Charters are due 11/15/16. Superior Days Sharon is doing a different format for training the teachers and chaperones which covers the basics but with more flexibility. The every 5 year Civil Rights Review was done last week. She attended Fall Forum and taught a workforce readiness class using the 4h experiences on the resume which can be transferred to the workplace. Sharon also attended a rocket seminar which provided her with lesson plans, etc....which she can use for future classes. Afterschool clubs will be starting and there are 5 this year. (4 Corners, Great lakes, Bryant, Cooper and NW Elementary. There were 5 new volunteers at the October training. (13 total in the past 1 1/2 years) It was mentioned that leaders need to check their online club information to check for new youth who want to join their clubs. There may be a mention of this to the leaders in the upcoming newsletters on a more regular basis.

Old Business: Achievement night went ok. Low on kids who were all at the Bayfield parade. It was mentioned that it should be clearer in the newsletter that all youth are invited, not just those receiving awards. A motion was made to approve the amended By Laws. Motion to accept made by Lorrie G and 2nd by Pat L. Nola and Nicole were reimbursed for the horse leaders conference expenses. Art Camp has been cancelled and those planning on attending were notified. Charter's are still be completed and signed off by Sharon.

New Business: Superior Days training will be at WITC on December 5th. 4H enrollment deadline is December 31st. The 4H calendar was reviewed. Election of officers being worked on. Jenny will continue for another term as VP. Lorrie is finished with the Treasurer position but currently remains unfilled. Historian also will be offered to a few more people to see if they would like to fill that. Lisa Soyring will be the new delegate at large. There is another youth delegate position that needs to be filled. Nicole has 1 more year remaining in her youth delegate term. The positions that need to be filled will be advertised in the news letter to see if anyone from the clubs would like to apply for these open positions.

Other Business: Lori Soyring brought up that she would like to see if there is some way for all the clubs to perhaps join some club activities that clubs are doing. It would help strengthen the clubs overall and the youth would all get to know each other better and some of these outings could be used as club meetings. Perhaps 2 clubs could offer something and invite all the clubs to attend. Details to be worked out. Sheila recommended that we do not switch to another 4h online program at this

time. She reviewed the new program and did not think it was that much better than what we have. She also mentioned that we need to offer more paper premium for those who do not want to use the online registration. She also mentioned that she was unsure if the new computer needed to be insured. It was discussed and added insurance was not needed. Lorrie G also needed approval to pay Nola for being the camp cook this past summer. A sum of \$650.00 was approved by the board. Motion to accept made by Sheila F. and 2nd by Nicole G.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55. Motion to approve made by Jenny and 2nd by Lorrie G.

Sharon's Report for Leaders Meeting

August 22, 2016

- Summer recap:
 - Taught a few days with the Superior Parks & Rec program. Well received but not worthy of the time. Might repeat if I ever get an intern. Also open to training the summer camp staff in a few environmental education things, but their training is really short and I'd want more time.
 - Sharon had a booth at Lake Superior Day on Sunday July 17. Had DOTS kits and got 3 solid contacts for Superior and Northwestern schools.
 - Junior Camp went well overall. 😊 28 kids, 10 counselors. We didn't have enough adults though (ratio to campers should be 10:1, which we had but this should not include cooks). This was more apparent when Lisa Soyring left to take Dylan to urgent care (fish hook in leg), leaving just me and the two cooks. I also do not want to be camp nurse again, as it took me away from leadership development with the counselors. The camp facility was well liked and campers/counselors seem to prefer solo camps, but too much happened at the last minute. I came close to cancelling camp in the spring due to lack of counselors, June because of lack of campers and July due to lack of adults; very stressful for our office, so if we solo again I will not budge on deadlines. I'm still leaning towards joining with other counties from our new Extension cluster (Bayfield and Ashland already team up and go in early July to a Girl Scout camp that provides meals and lifeguards). Best part of camp I know of: one little girl and her mom found out she can stay overnight. This was a big deal as there was more involved than typical homesickness. 😊
 - Leftover S'Mores go to...?
 - Camp bills.
 - I probably tore my ACL while at camp; MRI tomorrow night, if I need surgery it will affect school programs.
 - Mighty Machines went really well. Many thanks to Pat, Sasha, Nicole, Hannah, Callie, and Sarah! We ran out of rocket balloons despite having about 100; turns out it was the biggest turnout ever: 408 adults, 496 kids! FRC staff appreciated the rockets and concessions; the popcorn was a big hit with them. Thank you card to Dan Klarner tonight.
 - I led a one-hour session at the library August 17 on how to make buzzers. Only 9 kids but it was a huge hit with them, their parents and library staff. Library will help promote 4-H events, so keep them in mind!

- Youth development: Recognized outgoing county board delegates last week (Dustin Soyring and Nate Lindahl), two new ones will be sworn in during September meeting. Still hoping for a Solon Springs student. Also was able to get two city council delegates, whose training is this Friday before starting on September 6th. I ended allowing college students in the program.
- Next:
 - Stoney Brook Riders has dissolved and reasons for doing so are compelling. More later.
 - We need one or two more community clubs within city limits. Demand is there! ☺
 - I hope to train in several more volunteers within the next month, people who have already expressed interest. Trying to recruit school staff.
 - I am planning on leading a STEM training for volunteers here Saturday Sept 17th. There is interest from other counties.
 - LittleBits! ☺
 - Every elementary and middle school in the county wants 4-H! ☺ Need leaders!
 - I have been asked to coordinate the DOTS program for the northern part of the state.
 - This coming year I have to do some sort of research; probably will use DOTS program so I can piggyback on what they're already doing and use their brains for statistics. ;)
 - Our office has found money in a reserve fund, a chunk of which is coming to you!
 - Please remind 13 yrs+ members about ME process.
 - Anything to tell me now about ME process or Achievement Night? Dinner suggestions for 9/19 ME meeting?
 - Hoping to have samples of volunteer binder at Achievement Night. It's basically most of the online stuff printed out in a way I think will be easy for everyone to use.
 - Starting Superior Days.
 - I need to take some time off in September.
 - Charter renewal party?

FAIR UPDATE

Talked last week with Debbie Gregare, who replaced Bob Williams with the state fair association. She will be here this week and is in discussions with all parties.

Bottom line from the state: Whichever entity the county designates as being in charge of the fair is the one that gets the state aid. No more splits, ever. If HOL is in charge and Beef Association and/or 4-H want a different time they can, but there will be no state aid and rent/utilities will have to be paid.

Your decision whether to go with or without HOL will be final; no chance to try it out and then switch.

Debbie understands the issues with the fair and why there is so much frustration, but she is going to follow the statutes. Hoping her input will make a positive impact moving forward.

One thing she mentioned is she doesn't understand why HOL couldn't book a carnival sooner.

I have been passing information to county leaders as it comes (Keith Allen, Andy Lisak, Sue Hendrickson).